State of California Department of Industrial Relations DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION



Order of the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation Official Medical Fee Schedule - Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies Effective for Services Rendered on or after April 1, 2017

Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation orders that the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule contained in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.60, is adjusted to conform to changes to the Medicare payment system that were adopted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Quarter 2, 2017.

Medicare Data Source and Incorporation by Reference

Effective for services rendered on or after April 1, 2017, the maximum reasonable fees for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies shall not exceed 120% of the applicable California fees set forth in the Medicare calendar year 2017 "Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics/Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule" revised for April 2017, contained in the electronic file "DME17-B [ZIP, 2MB]" which is adopted and incorporated by reference. The fee schedule data file (DMEPOS_PUBLIC_V0223) sets forth two columns for California labelled: "CA (NR)" [California Non-Rural] and "CA (R)" [California Rural].

For the services on or after April 1, 2017 payment shall not exceed 120% of the fee set forth for the HCPCS code in the CA (NR) column, except the fee shall not exceed 120% of the fee set forth in the CA (R) column if the injured worker's residence zip code appears on the Q 2 2017 ZIP code file "DMERuralZip_Q22017". Where column CA (NR) sets forth a fee for a code, but CA (R) for the code is listed as "0.00" the fee shall not exceed 120% of the CA (NR) fee, regardless of whether the injured worker's address zip code is rural or non-rural.

DME17-B [ZIP, 2MB] includes the following documents:

DMEBACK 2017 DMEPOS_PUBLIC_V0223 DMEREAD 2017 DMERuralZip_Q22017

CMS has indicated that there are no second quarter updates to the 2017 Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fee schedule (PEN) file from the previous quarter. Therefore the Administrative Director Order dated January 31, 2017 continues to be effective for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fees, and the

DMEPEN_Jan_12222016 file contained in the ZIP file DME17-A remains effective for services rendered on or after April 1, 2017. However, for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition fees for services on or after April 1, 2017, use the updated rural zip code file DMERuralZip_Q22017.

The <u>update</u> includes changes identified in CR 9988. The CMS Manual System, <u>Pub 100-4 Medicare</u> <u>Claims Processing, Transmittal 3729, Change Request 9988</u>, March 3, 2017 sets forth the changes and is relied upon in adopting this update Order.

The second quarter DMEPOS fee schedule revision is available on the Internet at the website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services at:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/DMEPOS-Fee-Schedule.html

This Order shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers' Compensation: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/OMFS9904.htm#3

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 22, 2017 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation